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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

OF: Michio OSADA et al.

| Art Unit: 1722

SERIAL NO.: 09/705,237

| Confirmation No.: 4586

FILED: November 2, 2000

| EX.: Thukhanh T. Nguyen

FOR: Die Used for Resin-Sealing and Molding an Electronic Component

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February 9, 2004

RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 9, 2003 INCLUDING AN ATTACHED COVER SHEET WITH CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAX TRANSMISSION

Dear Sir:

This Response should receive expedited handling because it is being filed within TWO MONTHS after the mailing date of the Final Office Action on December 9, 2003.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

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